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TO : Chief, IO
THRU: Chief, EE
FROM : Chief of Base, Munich

DATE: 26 September 1957

SUBJECT: GENERAL— Operational/DTDORIC/QKACTIVE/REDSKIN

SPECIFIC— Request for Approval of "Brain Trust" Project.

REFERENCE: EGMW 2275

ACTION REQUIRED: Approval of Proposed Project Sent as Separate Cover Attachment.

1. Transmitted under separate cover is a "Brain Trust" Project entitled: "Soviet Engineers and Mechanics, Soviet Pavilion Brussels 1958 Fair Grounds." Please note that this material has been submitted to us by ☐ as a CAM Memorandum - in this case number 28. With EGMA 28930 we have transmitted a number of CAM Memoranda with an explanatory dispatch.

2. Would you please review this proposal for a "Brain Trust" operation and advise us whether or not you approve. Any other comments will be appreciated. We shall pass to Vallance whatever reply you send us as soon as it is forthcoming.

Approved: ☐

Attachment: UNDER SEPARATE COVER

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SEPARATE COVER ATTACHMENT — TO EGMA 29127

MEMORANDUM

CAM 28

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SUBJECT: PROJECT 52
Soviet Engineers and Mechanics,
Soviet Pavilion Brussels
1958 Fair Grounds

DATE: 19 September 1957

DATE RECEIVED: 19 September 1957

Attached is a Project 52 Plan for the 1958
Brussels Fair. This should be submitted to
Headquarters for approval.

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September 16, 1957

PROJECT 52

SUBJECT: Soviet Engineers and Mechanics,
Soviet Pavilion Brussels
1958 Fair Grounds

There follows a plan submitted by the "Brain Trust" for a Project 52 action.

Observer: Andrei Ivanovich Lebid, Institute (Brain Trust)

I. Introduction.

Brussels is to be the seat of a World Fair in 1958 in which the USSR is taking part. Construction is presently going on on the fair grounds. The Soviet pavilion is being built by their experts. A group of about 300 specialists is constantly in residence in Brussels. The group consists of engineers, architects and skilled construction workers.

To conduct the operation it would be necessary to send our representative L. to Brussels toward end of September/early October.

II. Approximate Plan of Research

Impressions of outward appearances and psychological attitudes of subjects:

- a. Clothes and shoes - quality, style, correspondence to fashion. Articles of personal use, their quality (watches, billfolds, wallets, cameras, combs, etc.);
- b. Manner of carrying himself; shyness, loquaciousness, moroseness, ebullience, affability, suspiciousness, guardedness, credulity;
- c. Ability to express himself in foreign languages (which languages and to what degree);
- d. Attitude toward foreigners he meets such as Belgian and other fellow workers on fair grounds, press representatives, private persons - foreign, toward the emigration;

- e. The nature of the mutual relationships among the Soviet workers - among themselves, with the superiors and with the Soviet observers;
- f. To what degree Soviet control and supervision is evident, and how is it evidenced;
- g. How do subjects react to various manifestations of life outside the homeland: goods, stores, displays, museums, theaters, movies, street traffic, etc.
- h. Do the Soviet workers make purchases and if so, of what kind. What possibilities do they have for this - money supply. Do they have recourse to aid from foreigners or emigres and if so, under what circumstances.

III. Questions.

The observer must exercise special tact and care in personal encounters; if possible, he should not place the subject in a difficult situation, but rather, where possible, he should come to his aid (explanation, information, etc.).

A conversation must begin with general topics closely concerned with the fair and the speciality of the interlocutor and only later pass over to concrete questions.

Sample list of questions:

- a. How do you like the fair and its organizations?
- b. What do you think of the construction work done here?
- c. How do you like life in Belgium?
- d. How is the development of industry going in your republic? What improvements are to be observed in recent times?
- e. How do the people live in general: Workers, kolkhozniks, office workers, VIP's, etc.?
- f. What is the present state of affairs regarding the provisioning of the populace? Products?
- g. What do you think of the recent events in the Kremlin?
- h. Do you know anything about the life of the emigration? Do you listen to foreign broadcasts, for instance, BBC, Voice of America, Radio Liberation, etc.?

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- i. What do you think of these broadcasts and what sort of reference to them do you hear?
- k. What do you hear of emigre organizations and what do you think of them?
- l. How are the relations of the Soviet people to the foreign world, in particular to the USA?
- m. What do you think of the disarmament policy and of the possibility of an atomic war? What do you think of avoiding an atomic war and how should this, in your opinion, be attained?

The above information will be sought only through the establishment of friendly contact. The questions listed above are meant only as a general outline; and will in no case be put directly, bluntly or obviously. No notes will be taken in the presence of the Soviets. There will be no provocation, no instigation to defect, no overt propagandizing.